

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Keisuke Chino)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Serial No.: 10/553,420)	Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy
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Filed: October 17, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No.: 1455
For: Thermoplastic Elastomer and)	
Thermoplastic Elastomer)	
Composition)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 23, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-12, 15 and 16 and Group II, claims 13 and 14. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-12, 15 and 16 drawn to an elastomer having specific side chains without traverse.

With respect to the requirement for our election of species, Applicant elects a structure of formula (9) of claim 5, wherein A² is C₈H₁₇ and D² is C₂H₄ and for the nitrogen heterocycle a triazole ring of claim 10.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 4-10, 15 and 16.

A Preliminary Amendment is being filed to avoid improper multiple dependency in the claims and cancel non-elected claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 25, 2008

By: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur S. Garrett", is written over a horizontal line.

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